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COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND COMPONENT MOUNTING EQUIPMENT

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This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed November 6, 1998 in the above-identified application.

Applicants, by their undersigned attorney, hereby elect Invention I which is drawn to a component mounting apparatus and embodied by claims 8-15.

Having made the required election, an examination of the merits of the elected invention is requested.

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